

KENTUCKY READING FIRST

Dear Principals,

September Reading First technical assistance sessions are designed to assist schools and districts in making informed decisions around selecting a comprehensive reading program/learning system that is grounded in scientifically based reading research. The technical assistance session and the vendor fair will enhance schools' and districts' understanding of scientifically based reading research, programs, and materials. It is critical that schools and districts develop a comprehensive program that will address the needs of all primary age children, specifically those that continue to underperform in reading.

The Kentucky Department of Education recommends that at least one primary teacher attend the September sessions. KDE will reimburse your school district for one teacher substitute, per eligible school, per session. Reimbursement forms will be provided at the technical assistance session and the vendor fair(s).

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The following dates and sites have been established for the technical assistance session. All sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. local time and end by 3:00 p.m. Please register for the session most convenient for your school team. School teams should attend the technical assistance session before attending the vendor fair in your area. Please note the registration deadlines for each technical assistance session.

Scientifically Based Reading Research and Programs Technical Assistance Sessions		
Dates	Locations	Deadlines for registrations
September 12	Holiday Inn University Plaza, Bowling Green	September 8
September 16	Radisson, Lexington	September 12
September 17	Radisson, Lexington	September 12
September 17	Center for Rural Development, Somerset	September 12
September 18	Hurstbourne Hotel, Louisville	September 15
September 22	Hurstbourne Hotel, Louisville	September 18
September 22	Holiday Inn University Plaza, Paducah	September 18
September 24	Ramada Inn, Paintsville	September 19

VENDOR FAIRS

Vendor fairs will provide school teams an additional opportunity to learn about various reading programs. Vendor fairs will be two-day events with the first day focusing on core reading programs and the second on supplemental and intervention programs. Vendors have been requested to provide the following information: 1) scientific research base for their program(s), 2) classification of their program(s), such as, core,

supplemental, or intervention program, and 3) general information and samples of their materials.

School teams should plan to attend the vendor fair scheduled near your area. The attachment outlines the dates and sites for each vendor fair. Please identify one person from your school team to register for the vendor fair event.

Registrations for the September Reading First technical assistance sessions can be accessed from the KDE home web page www.kentuckyschools.org. Type in <#reading first> in the search menu to go to the KDE Reading First web page. Once on the KDE Reading First web page, there will be a link to the registrations for the September technical assistance session and vendor fair event.

If you have questions, please direct your calls to Felicia Cumings Smith or Linda Holbrook at 502-564-2106. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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